



**Charting the Course to 2025:  
The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review  
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee**

**Meeting Notice**

York County Environmental & Development Services Building  
105 Service Drive, Yorktown  
Monday, November 15, 2004  
7:00 PM

**Agenda**

**1. Call to order**

**2. Preliminary Review of Citizen Comments**

A total of 215 people attended our fifteen Neighborhood Open Houses, including 206 from York County, 8 from James City County, and one from the City of Newport News. Ninety-four written comments were made at the open houses, and 54 citizens have completed and returned questionnaires. An additional 19 online questionnaires have been received so far as well as 7 email comments. Comments are being compiled and tabulated, and a preliminary review of the results will be provided at the meeting.

**3. Review of Demographic Data**

The draft updated of the *Demographic Profile and Projections* chapter of the Comprehensive Plan is attached. Major demographic trends and future projections will be reviewed.

**4. Meeting Schedule**

December meeting dates will be finalized, and the Committee will be asked to decide on a preferred meeting time for future meetings. (Also, please remember that a Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 29.)

**5. Other**

**6. Adjourn**

**Attachments**

- Steering Committee roster
- Calendar
- Draft updated Demographic Profile and Projections chapter
- List of Neighborhood Open House attendees
- Citizen Comments – Open Houses
- Citizen Comments – Web Site



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### Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

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**Members Present:** Nick Barba, Ken Bowman, Jack Christie, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Ron Kurz, Rick Moberg, Jenny Rosso, Ralph Smith

**Staff Present:** Mark Carter, Tim Cross, Amy Parker, Earl Anderson, Phyllis Liscum

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Chairman Barba called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, and the Committee members and staff introduced themselves. Chairman Barba thanked the Steering Committee members for their attendance at the Neighborhood Open Houses conducted in September and October.

Mr. Anderson gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of the Comprehensive Plan questionnaires that have been submitted. He noted that 69 questionnaires have been completed and returned so far, including 50 paper questionnaires and 19 online questionnaires submitted via the Comprehensive Plan web site. For each question, Mr. Anderson reported the answers given most frequently by citizens. He added that the online questionnaire will remain on the web site for a while, so citizens still have an opportunity to respond.

Chairman Barba commented that one issue that seems to stand out from the responses is the citizens' desire to do something about vacant, blighted commercial properties and their willingness to dedicate County funds for the purchase of such properties as well as land for open space, which he found somewhat surprising.

Mr. Carter provided details about the telephone survey to be conducted by the County's survey research consultant firm (Continental Research Associates) within the next few months. He stated that the targeted length of the telephone interviews will be 10 to 12 minutes and that a random telephone number generator will be utilized so that all households in the County – including those with unlisted phone numbers and those on the Federal Trade Commission's National "Do Not Call Registry" – would have an equal chance of being called. Mr. Bowman stated that he would mention the upcoming survey at the next evening's Board of Supervisors meeting, and he recommended that a news release be published before the survey is conducted so that citizens who are called will understand the purpose of the survey and be more inclined to participate.

Mr. Cross gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing County demographic trends and future projections. He asked the Committee members to let him know of any suggested changes to the draft update of the *Demographic Profile and Projections* chapter of the plan, which was mailed and emailed to the members prior to the meeting.

Noting that projected population growth would have an impact on the County's community facilities, Chairman Barba asked Mr. Bowman to talk about a community forum that was held in Grafton on October 28 on the subject of bringing a youth center to the County. Mr. Bowman explained that significant interest has been expressed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Hampton Roads and the local business community in providing some sort of facility for the

County's young people. He stated that the YMCA does not adequately meet this need because it is not specifically for the youth; furthermore, in just two years of operation the YMCA's membership has already reached the maximum capacity of the facility. Mr. Bowman added that a Boys & Girls Club was established in a vacant store in Gloucester and that the strip mall in which it is located has been revitalized by the activity that the Club generates.

Mr. Kurz noted that three-quarters of the County's growth is projected to be in the lower County and asked if there is enough land to accommodate such growth. Mr. Cross responded that the County conducted a build-out study in 2002, which found that there is sufficient residentially zoned land to accommodate slightly more than the projected 4,750 new housing units in the lower County. He added that much of the vacant residential land in the upper County is designated for Low-Density Residential development, with a maximum density of one unit per acre, while much of the available land in the lower County is designated for Medium- and High-Density Residential development. Mr. Carter noted that there are not many large developable parcels in the lower County but that there are significant opportunities for infill development. Mr. Moberg added that the Industrial Development Authority has looked for potential economic development areas and found that there are not many areas left, at least in the lower County, that offer significant acreage for business development. In the upper County, he noted that there is still significant acreage in the rapidly growing Lightfoot area for economic development. Mr. Moberg noted the many citizen comments about cleaning up Route 17, and he spoke about the efforts of the Route 17 Revitalization Committee, which are starting to make a positive difference, but he added that it is a major endeavor that will take many years. Chairman Barba asked Mr. Moberg for a status report on the development of the former state fuel farm on Penniman Road, and Mr. Moberg responded that in addition to the new facility built by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the IDA is still pursuing the development of a golf course on the property, with the remainder to be developed for business use.

The Committee agreed to change its regular meeting time from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM and scheduled meetings for December 8 and 16. Mr. Cross stated that committee members would be notified of the location(s) by email. Chairman Barba reminded everyone that the Committee's next meeting would be at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 29 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Environmental and Development Services Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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